

Philadelphia, Friday Morning
Jan 18. 1867.

My dear Garrison,

³ The "Equal Rights" Convention, and
the "Festival of the Friends of Freedom"
have been held. The former was set
up for E. C. Stanton, Lucy Stone, S. B.
Anthony and the Gay. Purvis presided.
They have linked on the political en-
franchisement of women to the male
suffrage question. A policy, I
think, neither wise, nor kind and
friendly towards the colored man.

They were severe in their treatment
of Sumner & the Republicans in the
Senate, and eulogists of Cowen and
the Copperheads, who hypocritically pre-
tended to desire the admission of women
to the elective franchise. On this part of
their proceedings I had something to say.

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The Festival was for the benefit of the Standard. It was tolerably well attended. The Admission was 50 cents. An abundance of good things had been provided by colored customers, and were largely partaken of, & paid for. In the course of the evening, addresses were delivered by Lucy Stone; Susan B. Anthony; I. M. McKim, (who with Mrs. Norton & Lucy were present) and myself. I spoke from a table on which the Declaration of Sentiments of the Ann. Anti Slavery Socy, ^(in 1833) was signed. It is the property of a young man of the name of Wm Lloyd Garrison Clarendon. The tables helped me to a speech. I saw many old friends. Mrs. South was at all the meetings. Lucy Garrison is going to spend a week with Mrs. Pratt. H. C. Wright arrived yesterday morning. I will be at the Peace Convention

to day. You will probably see him in the early part of next week.

I have arranged to remain here till Tuesday morning. If I have to lecture in Worcester, I shall not be in Boston till Friday morning. If I do not stay at Worcester, I may be home earlier.

The conversations I have had with E. Mr. Davis have given me no reason to expect that I shall be successful in the special business which brought me here. As I have not allowed myself to anticipate any good fortune, I shall not suffer from disappointment, though I shall regret the failure of my mission.

I am comfortably lodged, and have a very kind host and hostess.

I have answered many kind and affectionate inquiries after you, as

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well as questions relating to your course
in relation to the Am. Anti. Slavery Socy.

Vincent spoke here the night before last.
He repeated his lecture on Cornwall. He
declined all invitations to speak at the
forthcoming meeting, saying he did
not wish to commit himself.

I will send you, by next post, the
resolutions passed at the Convention
yesterday. Our women friends carry
more sails than ballast. They intend
to be a terror to the Senators & Repre-
sentatives who do not adopt their
view of a "perfect Republic" Lucy Stone
& her husband, Mr Blackwell, are out
for the winter, on a tour in the
cause of the Equal Rights Society.
Fighting with them is hard work.

Affectionately Yours Geo Thompson